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## News Release

### **Africk Chez Joins LarsonAllen**

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**MINNEAPOLIS**—We are pleased to announce that Chicago-based Africk Chez P.C. (Africk Chez) joined LarsonAllen LLP (LarsonAllen) effective January 18, 2010. Africk Chez specializes in high-quality, individualized accounting, tax, and business advisory services for clients in a variety of industries.

“LarsonAllen and Africk Chez both demonstrate an intense commitment to creating top quality client experiences and delivering industry-specific expertise,” says Laury Chez, shareholder and executive vice president with Africk Chez. “Client needs come first—we look forward to being able to meet those needs in new ways as we grow.”

As LarsonAllen, Africk Chez clients will have access to additional resources in the areas of construction and real estate, manufacturing and distribution, health care, nonprofit, and more.

“Africk Chez prides itself on providing a progressive work environment that challenges our professionals on a daily basis,” says Mike Africk, shareholder and CEO with Africk Chez. “We have a culture that focuses on our clients and our people. By joining forces with LarsonAllen, we feel that we have found the perfect partner to continue this journey. We benefit from similar cultures and visions, have a strong work ethic, and serve similar client bases.”

Africk Chez was founded in 1996 and has grown to a firm of approximately 30 people that serves clients across the country. The firm's management team combined has more than 62 years of public accounting experience.

"As one firm we look forward to creating new relationships within the Chicago market, and will continue to provide noticeably different client experiences," says LarsonAllen CEO Gordy Viere.

LarsonAllen LLP (LarsonAllen) is a professional service firm that provides assurance, accounting, tax, consulting, and advisory services to organizations and individuals managing business ventures and finance. Founded in 1953, LarsonAllen's certified public accountants, consultants, and advisors are dedicated to providing quality results to clients. LarsonAllen has 1,400 people and \$225 million in annual revenues. Offices are located in Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington DC, and Wisconsin. LarsonAllen is an independent member of Nexia International, a top 10 worldwide network of independent accounting and consulting firms. Founded in 1971, Nexia provides a global network of independent auditors, business advisors, and consultants.

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